

# **MSHA HAZARD ALERT**

## **FIVE DEATHS AND 396 SERIOUS INJURIES**

Since January of 1992, five truck drivers have been fatally injured when they fell from trucks. Fall protection was not provided in three of the fatalities and in the other two fatalities, fall protection was available but not used.

Additionally, 396 truck drivers have been seriously injured during the same time period. These injuries are occurring as the drivers conduct various activities on and around trucks used in mining. Climbing on top of and getting off the trucks account for the biggest percentage of the accidents. Other activities which accounted for the most accidents:

- L    **Checking the load distribution on the truck.**
- L    **Securing tarps on loaded trucks.**
- L    **Opening and closing hatches on tanker trucks.**
- L    **Performing one of the required preshift safety checks.**
- L    **Getting in or out of the vehicle cab.**

**To help prevent these type of accidents operators should:**

- ~    **Provide load-out facilities equipped with fall protection.**
- ~    **Require that fall protection be used at all load-out facilities.**
- ~    **Provide fall protection for truckers when tarping trucks.**
- ~    **Train all truck drivers in the proper methods of getting on and off the trucks.**
- ~    **Require preshift inspections be conducted in a safe manner.**



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